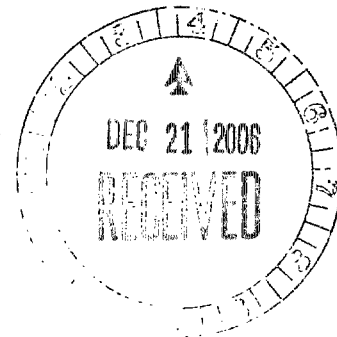


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Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 447X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Kane County, IL**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On November 1, 2006, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.04-mile line of railroad that extends between milepost 3.53 and milepost 3.57, at Nifa, in Kane County, IL. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 60542.

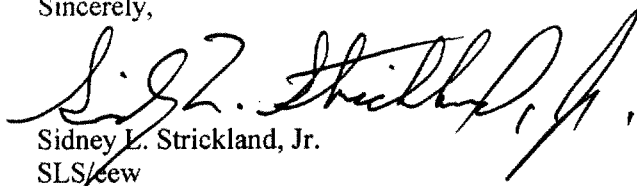
By decision served November 21, 2006, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective December 21, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of November 21, 2007. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

  
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